

House Resolution No. 2691

Whereas, Ray County Memorial Hospital in Richmond, Missouri, is celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding; and

Whereas, Ray County Memorial Hospital opened in 1957 following an intense three-year lobbying effort led by Dr. Elmer E. Gay, who became the hospital's first Chief of Staff; and

Whereas, the citizens of Ray County had approved a \$497,000 tax levy and the building opened its doors on January 15, 1957, at 12:01 p.m.; and

Whereas, the first administrator of Ray County Memorial Hospital was Roy Stadler, a position that is now held by Tommy Hicks, who has worked at the Hospital for twenty-one years; and

Whereas, since opening its doors fifty years ago, Ray County Memorial Hospital has grown and changed with the times to that the services provided can best meet the needs of the people it serves; and

Whereas, in 2005, Ray County Memorial Hospital was honored by Solucient as a Top 100 Hospital in the small community category based on their quality of care and financial achievements; and

Whereas, today, Ray County Memorial Hospital employs more than two hundred personnel, making it one of the largest employers in the area; and

Whereas, current board members include Robert Swafford, Bob Vandiver, Charles Merrifield, Bob Littleton, and Tom King, all of whom continue to look to the future and follow the plan that began fifty years ago to provide quality health care to the citizens in and around Ray County:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to congratulate Ray County Memorial Hospital on its Fiftieth Anniversary and to wish all those involved this legislative body's heartfelt best wishes for continued success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ray County Memorial Hospital.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Nance
District No. 36

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2691, adopted April 25, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker